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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, October 23, 2023, at 12 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. McHenry).

PRAYER

Reverend Ryan Coffey, First Baptist Church, Somerset, Kentucky, offered the following prayer:

To our most precious, gracious Heavenly Father. We humbly bow before You now, acknowledging You as Lord of all. We pray as David prayed, saying:

For everything in the heavens and Earth is Yours, O Lord, this is Your kingdom. We adore You as being in control of everything. Riches and honor come from You alone, and You are the ruler of all mankind. Your hand controls power and might and it is at Your discretion that men are made great and

So now, O Lord, I pray, make these servants great. Grant to them discernment to govern rightly, integrity beyond reproach, courage to fight for a bright and greater tomorrow, and a spirit of unity to move our Nation forward together.

Lord, in this hour, we need You. We need more of You. Lord, lead us and guide us and bless us according to Your will, and may Your name be glorified forever and ever.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. Bost) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BOST led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

CALL OF THE HOUSE

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker pro tempore, pursuant to clause 7 of rule XX, I move a call of the

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 7(b) of rule XX, the Chair confers recognition for that purpose.

Without objection, a call of the House was ordered.

There was no objection

The call was taken by electronic device, and the following Members responded to their names:

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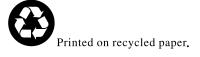
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The SPEAKER pro tempore. On this roll call, 427 Members have recorded their presence.

A quorum is present.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question now recurs upon the election of a Speaker. Will the tellers please come forward.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. McCarthy).

Mr. McCARTHY. Mr. Speaker pro tempore, I rise to nominate JIM JOR-DAN for the Speaker of the House.

I have listened to the speeches this week, and I can already tell you what my friends on the other side will say, using their poll-tested phrases, but let me correct the record. JIM JORDAN is an effective legislator.

To legislate is about more than the name on the bill. It is about reaching compromise and working long hours behind the scenes to get the job done.

When you are the chairman of a committee, you are responsible for dozens of bills passing the House and being signed into law.

Let me tell you a few facts that don't come out in the polls. As the leader of the Judiciary Committee, JIM has passed more bills through the House in just 3 years than the entire Democrat leadership team that has a collective 28 years in Congress.

Mr. AGUILAR has a whopping one whole bill signed into law; a post office in San Bernardino. I guess that is good enough to be Caucus chair.

JIM JORDAN, on the other hand, had a hand in drafting bills like the REINS Act to curb unaccountable bureaucrats. He helped negotiate and pass H.R. 2, the strongest border security bill this House has ever passed.

Many of you know because you were in the room watching JIM find compromise, watching JIM listen to your positions and finding a bill that can

Let's put this in reality. We have had large majorities, but we never could pass a border security bill. That takes leadership.

They are going to get upset by it. Why? Because every single Democrat voted against securing our border. Democrats are attacking JIM because they don't want the American people to remember that they voted against securing and keeping a wide-open border.

They may not want the American public to know the number of people we catch on the terrorist watch list. They may not want people to know what the future holds for the security of our Nation based upon their policies.

Name me one bill Democrats passed that would secure our border. I am You can't because waiting. haven't.

Mr. Speaker pro tempore, the truth is, if we measure lawmakers by how many bills have their names on it, we are using the wrong measuring stick.

Some of the Members I know with the most bills to their name are the most selfish. JIM JORDAN, on the other hand, is one of the most selfless Members I know.

I have known JIM a long time, and I wanted to do something different. I actually called the freshmen members on his committee and asked them: What do you think of your chairman?

Here are just a few examples of what they said: JIM empowers every member of the Judiciary Committee to pursue what interests them.

Here is another: He lets each of us take the lead on the issues that are important to us, even letting freshmen and junior members take important roles.

Here is another: He trusts our judgment on how we handle issues and witnesses and always seeks our input on kev issues.

Here is another: As a freshman, he had me lead off a hearing that related to my subject matter expertise, and he goes out of his way to highlight members' successes.

He is straightforward, honest, and reliable. That is who JIM JORDAN is, and that is what being a Speaker is all about.

Now, some of you might not know this, but JIM and I have a long history. We take our jobs seriously.

I first met JIM as a candidate. I traveled to Ohio. I remember pulling up for breakfast at a Bob Evans in Ohio. There was JIM having a meeting, listening to constituents.

I traveled with him throughout the day from rotary to farm bureau, just listening to people that had concerns, and I watched then the same JIM JOR-DAN I see today. He was a leader, a listener, and a fighter.

We were actually elected to Congress that same year and became close friends. It was a small class. There were only 13 of us, one of the smallest Republican classes in modern history.

Over time, we took different routes. JIM actually ran against me for leader in 2018. It was a hard-fought battle, but I never once questioned his skills or commitment to this Conference or this country.

After the race, I became leader, and we had an opening for the ranking member of the House Committee on Oversight. JIM didn't even apply for the job. I walked into steering; didn't tell steering

I walked into the other room, and I picked up the phone and I called JIM. I said: I know you are not running for the job, but I believe in what Jim Collins says in the book "Good to Great." You put the right people in the right seats on the bus

JIM, you and I may have challenged one another, but you were the right person for that seat, and it was right when you took that job.

It was right again when I asked JIM to step up and join the Intel Committee when Democrats put politics over people and turned the Intel Committee into an impeachment committee.

It was right again when we asked JIM to step up and be the right person to lead the Judiciary Committee as chairman. JIM is the right person to take that seat behind me to be our next Speaker of the House.

Mr. Speaker pro tempore, we have an important job to do. The American people expect us to focus on the most pressing issues.

We have watched what a Democrat majority has done by bringing us inflation like we haven't seen since the 1970s.

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We have watched what the Democrats have done by opening up our border, bringing in fentanyl that is killing Americans each and every day.

Now we have a war in Israel.

This country is too great for small visions. Trust me: Being Speaker is not an easy job, especially in this Conference, but I've seen JIM spend his entire career fighting for freedom, no matter what, no matter the odds, and I know he is ready for the job.

It is my honor to say as a member of the Republican Conference, I am directed by the vote of that Conference to present for election to the office of Speaker of the House of Representatives the name of my friend, the Honorable JIM JORDAN, a Representative from the State of Ohio.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair now recognizes the gentlewoman from Massachusetts (Ms. CLARK).

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker pro tempore, 212, it is a New York area code, and it is our call for a Speaker of integrity, intelligence, and inclusion; 212 is our call for a Speaker who will protect our children, our veterans, our planet; 212 is our call for a Speaker who will grow the middle class, lower costs, create good-paying jobs, and make healthcare affordable; 212 is our call for a Speaker who will secure liberty, justice, and opportunity for everyone.

Well, the unanimous call of 212 House Democrats has been answered by our nominee for Speaker, the gentleman from Brooklyn, the leader of our House Democratic Caucus, the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES.

Leader Jeffries has answered our call, but the majority's nominee is disconnected. He is disconnected from the American people and their values. MAGA extremism is designed to divide. and it has broken the Republican Party. Their nominee's vision is a direct attack on the freedom and the rights of the American people, and he has got the record to prove it.

The Republican nominee has voted against healthcare for children, for veterans, even for 9/11 survivors. He has opposed lowering the cost of insulin repeatedly. He wants to cut Social Security and Medicare. Don't take it from me, it was raised on the other side of the aisle just this week as a selling point to make him Speaker.

Over his 16 years in the House, the Republican nominee has never supported a farm bill. What does that mean?

It means he has turned his back on farmers, on rural communities, and the 11 million children who go to bed hungry in this country.

The Republican nominee wants a national abortion ban with no exceptions for rape, incest, or the health of a mother. We want to make our own healthcare decisions in consultation with our families, our doctors, and our faith—not with JIM JORDAN.

Crow

The Republican nominee plotted to overturn the 2020 election, traffics in misinformation, and is a true threat to our democracy and our Constitution.

I have had the privilege of working here in the people's House for almost 10 years. I have gotten to know many of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, and I know that they hear the same thing that I do, which is that the American people expect us to work together on their behalf.

Well, it is not too late for the majority to choose a bipartisan path forward to reopen the House. Take "yes" for an answer.

Every day the majority chooses to engage in a Republican civil war that is threatening their own members instead of engaging with us in the work of the American people, is a day that weakens this institution and the standing of our country.

We need a Speaker who will govern through consensus, not conflict. We need a Speaker worthy of wielding that gavel. We need a leader who will defend democracy, not degrade it. More than ever, we need proven, patriotic, peoplefirst leadership.

Mr. Speaker pro tempore, I am proud to nominate Hakeem Jeffries as Speaker of the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Reading Clerk will now call the roll.

The tellers have taken their places. and the House proceeded to vote for the Speaker.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The tellers agree in their tally that the total number of votes cast is 429, of which the Honorable JIM JORDAN of the State of Ohio has received 194, the Honorable Hakeem Jeffries of the State of New York has received 210, the Honorable PATRICK MCHENRY of the State of North Carolina has received 6, the Honorable Byron Donalds of the State of Florida has received 2, the Honorable Tom Emmer of the State of Minnesota has received 1, the Honorable LEE ZELDIN of the State of New York has received 4, the Honorable STEVE SCA-LISE of the State of Louisiana has received 8, the Honorable MIKE GARCIA of the State of California has received 1, the Honorable KEVIN McCarthy of the State of California has received 2, the Honorable Bruce Westerman of the State of Arkansas has received 1.

No person having received a majority of the whole number of votes cast by surname, a Speaker has not been elected.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 6 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker protempore (Mr. McHenry) at 5 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.

ADJOURNMENT FROM FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023, TO TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker pro tempore, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, October 24, 2023.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arkansas?

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker pro tempore, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 11 a.m.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana (for himself, Mr. EZELL, Mr. CARL, and Mr. HUNT):

H.R. 6008. A bill to prohibit the implementation of certain documents until the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries of the National Marine Fisheries Service issues documents relating to the Rice's whale.

By Ms. BOEBERT (for herself, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. NORMAN, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. NEHLS, and Mr. OGLES):

H.R. 6009. A bill to require the Director of the Bureau of Land Management to withdraw the proposed rule relating to fluid mineral leases and leasing process, and for other purposes.

By Mr. McCORMICK (for himself, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. McCLINTOCK, Mr. WALTZ, and Mr. CLYDE):

H.R. 6010. A bill to invalidate the use of United States passports to travel to Iran, and for other purposes.

By Mr. VALADAO (for himself and Mr. NEWHOUSE):

H.R. 6011. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to notify applicants of the completion status of right-of-way applications under section 501 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act.

By Mr. CARBAJAL (for himself, Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER, Mr. COSTA, and Mr. VALADAO):

H.R. 6012. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to permit removal of trees around electrical lines on National Forest System land without conducting a timber sale, and for other purposes.

By Mr. CORREA (for himself, Ms. Lee of California, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. NOR-TON, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. THANEDAR, and Mr. TRONE):

H.R. 6013. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a business tax credit for the purchase of zero-emission electric lawn, garden, and landscape equipment, and for other purposes.

By Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania (for herself, Ms. Scanlon, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Swalwell, and Ms. Norton):

H.R. 6014. A bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to restrict the ability to transfer business inventory firearms, and for other purposes.

By Mr. LUETKEMEYER:

H.R. 6015. A bill to require the President to prevent the abuse of financial sanctions exemptions by Iran, and for other purposes.

By Mr. OBERNOLTE (for himself and Mr. Mullin):

H.R. 6016. A bill to improve coordination between the Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation on activities carried out under the National Quantum Initiative Program, and for other purposes.

By Mrs. STEEL (for herself, Mr. OWENS, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. LAMALFA, and Mr. WEBER of Texas):
H.R. 6017. A bill to revoke the waiver deter-

mination submitted to Congress on September 11, 2023, with respect to certain sanctions imposed with respect to Iran.

By Ms. TENNEY (for herself, Mrs. MIL-LER of West Virginia, and Mr. KUSTOFF):

H.R. 6018. A bill making supplemental appropriations, and for other purposes.

By Mr. GROTHMAN (for himself, Ms. Moore of Wisconsin, Mr. Lamalfa, Mrs. Kim of California, Mrs. Steel, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Peters, Mr. Costa, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Pocan, Mr. Stell, Ms. Jacobs, Mr. Fitzgerald, and Ms. McCollum):

H. Res. 801. A resolution recognizing the celebration of the Hmong New Year in 2023. By Mr. HUFFMAN (for himself and Mr.

GRAVES of Louisiana): H. Res. 802. A resolution supporting the designation of October 23, 2023, as "National Marine Sanctuary Day".

By Mr. LALOTA (for himself, Mr. Moskowitz, Ms. Malliotakis, Mr. NADLER, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. MANN, Mr. HUDSON, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. VAN DREW, Ms. STEFANIK, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. WEB-STER of Florida, Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, Mrs. Luna, Ms. Tenney, Mr. Carey, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. GUEST, Mr. KEAN of New Jersey, Mr. LATTA, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. MILLS, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. DUARTE, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. FALLON, Mr. SELF, Mr. Walberg, Mr. Williams of New York, and Mr. MOLINARO):

H. Res. 803. A resolution honoring the American and Israeli civilians murdered and unaccounted for in the brutal attacks by Hamas terrorists.

By Mr. MOOLENAAR:

H. Res. 804. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the week of October 15 through 21, 2023, as "National Chemistry Week".

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

Mr. CORREA introduced A bill (H.R. 6019) to For the relief of Ivana Alexandra Sifuentes Arbirio and Luisa Mariana Sifuentes Arbirio.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY AND SINGLE SUBJECT STATEMENTS

Pursuant to clause 7(c)(1) of rule XII and Section 3(c) of H. Res. 5 the following statements are submitted regarding (1) the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution and (2) the single subject of the bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana: H.R. 6008.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, clause 3 of the United

States Constitution The single subject of this legislation is:

To prohibit the implementation of certain documents until the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries of the National Marine Fisheries Service issues documents relating to the Rice's whale.

By Ms. BOEBERT:

H.R. 6009.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 8: The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill requires the Director of the Bureau of Land Management to withdraw the proposed rule relating to fluid mineral leases and leasing process.

By Mr. McCORMICK:

H.R. 6010.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 18 of Section 8 of Article 1 of the Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is: Foreign affairs

By Mr. VALADAO:

H.R. 6011.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2 (Property Clause)

The single subject of this legislation is:

To direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to notify applicants of the completion status of right-ofway applications under section 501 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and section 28 of the Mineral Leasing

By Mr. CARBAJAL:

H.R. 6012.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is: Wildfire Safety

By Mr. CORREA:

H.R. 6013.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article L. Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is: Tax credit

By Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 6014.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is: Gun violence prevention

By Mr. LUETKEMEYER:

H.R. 6015.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 The single subject of this legislation is:

To require the President to prevent the abuse of financial sanctions exemptions by

By Mr. OBERNOLTE:

H.R. 6016.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I. Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is: Science, Space, and Technology

By Mrs. STEEL:

H.R. 6017.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is: Foreign Affairs

By Ms. TENNEY:

H.R. 6018.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is: Appropriating funds to support Israel in Operation Swords And Iron.

By Mr. CORREA:

H.R. 6019.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is: Immigration

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H.R. 16: Mr. Krishnamoorthi.

H.R. 51: Mr. IVEY.

H.R. 427: Mr. HUDSON. H.R. 491: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.

H.R. 537: Mr. Thanedar.

H.R. 549: Ms. Malliotakis.

H.R. 621: Mr. MAGAZINER, Mr. PHILLIPS, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, and Mr. GOODEN of Texas.

H.R. 704: Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi and Mr. Ryan.

H.R. 709: Mr. Krishnamoorthi.

H.R. 743: Mr. Moran.

H.R. 830: Mr. HUDSON.

H.R. 913: Mr. HIMES.

H.R. 964: Mr. McGovern.

H.R. 972: Mr. Steube.

H.R. 1167: Mr. Tonko.

H.R. 1247: Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas and Mrs. DINGELL.

H.R. 1294: Mr. McGovern.

H.R. 1447: Mr. McGovern. H.R. 1609: Mr. VAN ORDEN.

H.R. 1617: Mr. HIGGINS of New York.

H.R. 1691: Mr. FINSTAD and Mr. LAHOOD.

H.R. 1783: Mr. Posey.

H.R. 2365: Mr. FINSTAD, Mrs. SPARTZ, and Ms. Hageman.

H.R. 2367: Mr. GOLDEN of Maine.

H.R. 2370: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.

H.R. 2377: Mr. CONNOLLY.

H.R. 2402: Mr. LIEU.

H.R. 2407: Mrs. Foushee, Mr. Garbarino, Mrs. HINSON, and Ms. WATERS.

H.R. 2426: Mr. LANGWORTHY.

H.R. 2530: Ms. Adams.

H.R. 2583: Mr. PHILLIPS.

H.R. 2630: Mr. CROW, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. FERguson, and Mr. Bowman.

 $\rm H.R.$ 2720: Mr. Neguse.

H.R. 2729: Ms. Blunt Rochester.

H.R. 2783: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 2882: Mr. NEGUSE.

H.R. 2923: Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California and Mr. LEVIN.

H.R. 3029: Mr. GALLAGHER.

H.R. 3074: Ms. CARAVEO.

H.R. 3139: Mr. Moore of Utah.

H.R. 3164: Mr. D'Esposito and Ms. CARAVEO.

H.R. 3312: Ms. Clarke of New York.

H.R. 3382: Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. JACKSON LEE, and Mr. DAVIS of North Caro-

H.R. 3424: Mr. PAPPAS.

H.R. 3475: Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Ms. OMAR, Mr. D'ESPOSITO, Mr. NEAL, and Mrs. Trahan.

H.R. 3481: Mr. TRONE and Mr. MOULTON.

H.R. 3774: Mr. Graves of Louisiana.

H.R. 3838: Ms. Clarke of New York. H.R. 3850: Mr. Huffman.

H.R. 3851: Mr. COHEN and Ms. CARAVEO

H.R. 3946: Mr. Sessions.

H.R. 3950: Ms. WILD and Mrs. BICE.

H.R. 4002: Mr. Trone.

H.R. 4056: Ms. PEREZ, Ms. LEE of Nevada, Mr. LAWLER, and Mr. GIMENEZ.

H.R. 4070: Mr. NEGUSE.

H.R. 4088: Ms. CARAVEO.

H.R. 4153: Mr. MORELLE.

H.R. 4175: Mrs. BICE.

H.R. 4176: Mr. TRONE. H.R. 4261: Mr. PHILLIPS.

H.R. 4326: Mr. Pascrell, Mr. Frost, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, and Mrs. FOUSHEE.

H.R. 4456: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.

H.R. 4569: Ms. Barragán.

H.R. 4619: Mr. Wenstrup. H.R. 4686: Mrs. Cammack.

H.R. 4721: Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, and Mr. STEIL.

H.R. 4750: Ms. McCollum, Mr. Gottheimer, and Mrs. Foushee.

H.R. 4770: Ms. Wexton, Mr. Ivey, Mr. Connolly, Mr. Hoyer, Ms. Norton, Mr. Rup-PERSBERGER, Mr. BEYER, and Ms. McClel-

H.R. 4773: Mr. PAPPAS.

H.R. 4818: Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. ROUZER, Ms. McCollum, and Mr. Schweikert.

H.R. 4830: Ms. CARAVEO.

H.R. 4845: Ms. CRAIG.

H.R. 4878: Mr. WILLIAMS of New York.

H.R. 5009: Mr. GRIJALVA.

H.R. 5012: Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. RUPPERS-BERGER, Ms. CARAVEO, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Ms. CROCKETT, Mrs. CAMMACK, and Mrs. MILLER-

H.R. 5044: Mr. KILMER and Ms. BONAMICI.

H.R. 5049: Ms. Spanberger.

H.R. 5059: Ms. SALINAS.

H.R. 5155: Mr. NEGUSE.

H.R. 5256: Ms. WILD.

H.R. 5266: Mr. FINSTAD. H.R. 5283: Ms. Boebert, Mr. Scott Frank-LIN of Florida, and Mr. RESCHENTHALER.

H.R. 5341: Mr. McGovern. H.R. 5449: Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania and

Mr. Johnson of Georgia. H.R. 5455: Mr. SANTOS, Mr. VALADAO, and

Ms. Velázquez. H.R. 5526: Mr. CRENSHAW and Mr. BILI-RAKIS.

H.R. 5530: Mr. RUTHERFORD.

H.R. 5545: Ms. TOKUDA. 5561: Mr. RESCHENTHALER, LUTTRELL, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, and Mrs. CAMMACK.

H.R. 5611: Mr. MANN.

H.R. 5663: Ms. BALINT and Ms. TITUS. H.R. 5683: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY and Mr. GOLD-

MAN of New York. H.R. 5685: Ms. SCHOLTEN, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. Pascrell, Mr. Correa, Mr. Kildee, Mr.

KIM of New Jersey, and Mrs. Foushee. H.R. 5702: Mr. LARSEN of Washington.

H.R. 5748: Mr. GARBARINO.

H.R. 5762: Mr. PAPPAS.

H.R. 5790: Mr. ROUZER.

H.R. 5804: Ms. TOKUDA.

H.R. 5854: Ms. JAYAPAL and Ms. DELAURO. H.R. 5855: Ms. TOKUDA.

H.R. 5871: Ms. WATERS.

H.R. 5918: Mr. LAHOOD.

H.R. 5920: Mr. CONNOLLY and Mr. BANKS. H.R. 5929: Ms. Bonamici.

H.R. 5959: Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Mr. GROTHMAN, and Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana.

H.R. 5961: Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. KILEY, Mr. MOOLENAAR, and Mr.

FITZPATRICK. H.R. 5975: Ms. CARAVEO.

H.R. 5979: Mr. PFLUGER.

H.R. 6000: Mr. McClintock.

H.J. Res. 8: Mr. MASSIE. H.J. Res. 76: Mr. MULLIN, Mr. ROBERT GAR-CIA of California, and Ms. JAYAPAL.

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H. Res. 100: Mr. Thompson of Pennsylvania.

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H. Res. 767: Ms. McCollum.

H. Res. 769: Mr. OWENS.

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H. Res. 777: Mr. STEUBE, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, Mrs. STEEL, and Mrs. BICE.

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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING TOM SKILLING FOR A REMARKABLE 45-YEAR CAREER

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 20, 2023

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today along with my colleague, Representative MIKE QUIGLEY, to celebrate one of Chicagoland's very own, legendary meteorologist Tom Skilling, and his 45-year career as a beloved presence on our local airwaves as he embarks on his well-deserved retirement.

As the longtime chief meteorologist for WGN-TV, Tom Skilling has been one of the most trusted figures on television screens throughout the Chicago area for decades, expertly and calmly explaining the region's often unpredictable weather situations for generations of viewers.

I am especially proud to say that Tom Skilling is an Aurora, Illinois native, and a proud graduate of West Aurora High School. After completing his studies at the University of Wisconsin, Tom worked briefly on local television stations in Madison and Milwaukee before landing at WGN-TV, where he quickly became a daily fixture in households throughout Chicago and the suburbs.

Those of us who know Tom and have worked with him over the course of his career know how passionate he is about his work and how talented he is at communicating often complex scientific data to people of all ages and backgrounds. But his greatest strength is the kindness with which he treats everyone he interacts with; he is always ready to greet a fan with a warm smile and meaningful conversation.

Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Tom Skilling and his decades of service to the Chicagoland community and offer him our most sincere best wishes on the next chapter of his life.

HONORING THE 175TH ANNIVER-SARY OF CARTHAGE, TEXAS

HON. NATHANIEL MORAN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Friday, October 20, 2023

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize the 175th anniversary of Carthage, Texas.

Carthage, a vibrant and historic city nestled in the heart of East Texas, is celebrating its 175th anniversary on November 11, 2023. This remarkable milestone is a testament to the resilience, spirit, and rich heritage that has shaped the community of Carthage over the years.

Since its founding in 1848, Carthage has grown from a humble settlement to a thriving city that stands as a beacon of progress and unity. The city's commitment to fostering a

strong sense of community and preserving its unique heritage is truly commendable.

Carthage stands as a shining example of what can be achieved when a community comes together with a shared vision and a commitment to excellence. I urge all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing and celebrating the 175th anniversary of Carthage's founding. Congratulations to Carthage on this momentous milestone. May the next 175 years be filled with continued growth, prosperity, and community pride. Happy anniversary, Carthage.

HONORING HAROLD L. GOMER FOR HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 20, 2023

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize and celebrate a remarkable milestone: the 100th birthday of Harold L. Gomer, a Navy Veteran who embodies dedication, service, and love.

At the age of 7, Harold's father passed away and his mother and 5 siblings relocated to Austin, Minnesota. Harold would spend the next 86 years of his life in this new city and would grow to become an example to many.

Education played a significant role in shaping Harold's character—he graduated from Austin High School, where he participated in wrestling and Golden Glove Boxing. He excelled in his extracurriculars and eventually became a District Flyweight Champion, showcasing both his talent and tenacity.

On November 6, 1942, Harold bravely answered the call to serve his country. He left his job to join the United States Navy, where he served as Coxswain aboard the USS Ammen in the Pacific theater for 3 years. His unwavering dedication and service enabled him to serve on the USS Logic Minesweeper for an additional year before being honorably discharged.

Once returning to Austin, he resumed his employment at Hormel Meats, where he spent the following 40 years exhibiting dedication to his work and his community.

After returning home from defending our country, Mr. Gomer married his childhood sweetheart, Shirley Mae Greenlee. Their family grew with the addition of their 4 children: Patricia, Mark, Cheri, and Pamela. Over the years, the family has grown to include 9 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. In 2016, following the death of his wife, Harold moved to Orange County, California to live with his daughter Pam. Since relocating to Orange County, he has been enjoying retirement, occasionally going dancing and visiting Las Vegas.

Since then, he has discovered happiness in dancing and enjoying the company of his family and friends. Harold's relentless dedication to his country and community is highlighted

throughout his life, from his 2 years as commander of American Legion Post 91 and his 40 years of dedication to the Funeral Escort, to his 20 years of cooking for stag nights and his more than 30 years of bar management. These experiences show he is a leader who gives back to others.

I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing heartfelt congratulations and honoring Harold Gomer's character, service, and love for his community as we wish him a happy 100th birthday.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF CONTRA COSTA TELEVISION

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 20, 2023

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Contra Costa Television (CCTV) as we commemorate Free Speech Week and Community Media Day.

Since its inception in 1994. CCTV has sought to provide community members with critical information, helping to keep our community connected and residents abreast of local issues. CCTV provides coverage of local government meetings, public safety information, local sports, and other community events with the goal of making local journalism accessible to all. CCTV livestreams to their website and social media platforms and provides twenty-four hour broadcasting, providing Contra Costans with convenient access to breaking news, important community updates, and more. CCTV has continually shown its dedication to sharing our community's stories and connecting Contra Costa residents.

CCTV has also partnered with the County Clerk-Recorder-Elections Department and local chapters of the League of Women Voters to provide voters with up-to-date reporting on candidates and ballot measures. A well-informed public is vital to any healthy democracy and I'm proud of CCTV's contributions to provide locally-produced voter education programming.

CCTV has received many accolades for its outstanding programing. The Veterans' Voices program received the Western Alliance Video Excellence award in 2016 and 2018 and the California State Association of Counties 2015 Merit Award.

Please join me in honoring Contra Costa Television as we commemorate Free Speech Week and Community Media Day.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor. Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor. DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISTS ARE IN-DOCTRINATING YOUNG AMERI-CANS WITH ANTI-ISRAEL HATE IN MORAL MONSTROSITY

HON. RITCHIE TORRES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Friday, October 20, 2023

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, Oct. 7th is a day that will live in infamy as the most gruesome terrorist attack in the history of the Jewish State.

Thousands of Israelis were murdered, raped, tortured, and abducted as hostages. Ten percent of the members of an Israeli kibbutz, Kfar Asar, were massacred.

About 260 young Israelis partying at a music festival were gunned down. Babies were butchered, burned and beheaded.

The ONLY morally acceptable response to such incomprehensible terror is overwhelming outrage at the boundless barbarism of Hamas.

While most of the civilized world, led by President Biden, rightly recoiled in horror at Hamas and condemned its terrorism immediately and unequivocally, Israel's ideological enemies here in the US found cause for celebration at the sight of dead Jews.

Imagine, for a moment, the inconsolable grief of a Jewish mother whose baby has been butchered to death. Could you imagine anything more callous and cruel than telling that grieving mother: You had it coming. You and your people brought the terror upon yourselves.

Those were the shocking sentiments of the New York City-Democratic Socialists of America (NYC-DSA), which wasted no time in holding a hate rally romanticizing the terrorism of Hamas as "resistance."

The DSA was hardly alone in blaming the victims of terrorism rather than the terrorists themselves.

Something is rotten in the state of America. When the institutional leaders in our country cannot condemn the cold-blooded murder of Israeli children and civilians with moral clarity, one must ask: what kind of society are we becoming?

What does the silence and indifference and cowardice—from these so-called leaders—tell us about the depth of anti-Semitism in America and the reckoning required?

The time has come to confront not only the symptoms but the disease: a Democratic Socialist industrial complex that indoctrinates young Americans with an anti-Israel hatred so virulent that it renders them indifferent to the deadliest massacre of Jews since the Holocaust.

Anti-Israel extremism, which has been given a veneer of mainstream respectability in law schools and legislatures, is aided and abetted by the sheer spinelessness of so-called "leaders"—from public officials to the presidents of colleges and universities.

Days of silence were often followed by words of cowardice, if there were any words at all.

Northwestern University, for example, said it had no plans to "put out a statement officially stating a University position." Imagine that: a university that cannot be bothered to take a position on a pogrom against Jews. Have we learned nothing from the long and ugly history of Anti-Semitism?

There is nothing accidental about the disregard for Israeli life that revealed itself in the wake of Oct. 7. The dehumanization of Israeli victims follows inevitably from the hyperbolic and systematic demonization of Israel itself.

Anti-Israel hate and hysteria have been allowed to fester freely in academia, social media, the political arena, and elsewhere. It has been propagated by Astroturf activists and academics, amplified by their enablers in elected office, and subsidized by government and civil society.

When people are made to believe the most dangerous lies about Israel—that Israel is the root of all evil on earth; that it is a "75-year occupation" that must be wiped off the map from the "river to the sea"; that Israelis are not civilians but settlers who can be fairly targeted for "resistance"; that Israelis are committing genocide and ethnic cleansing against the Palestinians and harvesting their organs and using the blood of their children; that Israel is always the aggressor and Hamas always the resister: when you tell so many lies and incite so much hate, what do you think will happen?

How do you think the believers internalizing these lies will respond to the savage slaughter of Israelis? This is a moral monstrosity made in America, and one that America must unmake.

The anti-Israel hate increasingly possessing the American mind is a demon that must be exorcised from our body politic. For America cannot long remain a decent society if the next generation of Americans are made to be indifferent to the barbaric butchering of Israeli civilians and children.

I, for one, stand with Israel as it seeks to defend itself. Despite the profound pain of the present, Israel will emerge from it all better and stronger than ever before.

It will outlive the pernicious lies and the dangerous demagogues who tell them. It will outlive the extremism of the DSA and BDS. It will outlive the terrorism of Iran and its proxies, Hamas and Hezbollah.

Israel will live on—for the next 75 years and beyond. Resilience is the DNA and destiny of the Jewish people and the Jewish State. It always has been and always will be. I am as certain of that as I am of anything. The Jewish Nation lives on (Am Yisrael Chai).

HONORING THE VIETNAM AND KOREAN WAR VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 20, 2023

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise to honor the Vietnam and Korean War veterans who traveled to Washington, D.C. on October 18, 2023, with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides WWII, Vietnam, and Korean War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who traveled here on October 18th answered our nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the Pacific Asian Theatre to the Korean Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service, and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I am proud to include in the RECORD the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude.

Mario R. Aliano, Sr., Peter Ralph Amodei, Ronald Angone, James Larry Arnold, Dennis J. Asch, Leonard Austin, Joseph T. Bienias, Ronald M. Bienias, Robert Bom, Thomas Brackenbury, Scott Lee Brighton, Terrence V. Burns, Donald T. Catchpole, John K. Clauson, David M. Clemen, Maurice J. Costello, William T. Coughlin, William A. Cox, Ronald L. Cummins, Dan A. Dahlquist, John Diehl, James Doffin, Charles A. Doiron, Jr., James M. Donahue, Mitchell G. Doud, James Drnek, George Joseph Durfor, Steven M. Dyer, Walter L. Favorite, Melvin L. Fonville, Rodney Foster, Ronald E. Foster, Carol J. Fowler, Gilbert F. Garcia, Raymond Gervais, Richard W. Giemzik, George N. Gray, Robert Grenlie, Louis Gugliuzza, Alvaro Guillen Jr., Dale Hamblin, Bruce Hansen, Henry Harris, Jackie Haviland, George Elmer Hessenthaler, Maurice Holman, George Hosso, John W. Huff, Tom Jackson, Martin D. Jayne, James Jensen, William Johnson, J. Malia Jones, David Kapella, Robert F. Kelly, Edward Allen Kimmey, Louis M. King, Arthur Landorf, Thomas W. Leitner. Thomas H. Lichtenfeld. Ronald William Line, Jerome Lorenz, Felipe Marrero, Michael Martino, Abraham Matook, Edward Maynard, Jr., Russel E. McClintock, William J. Mesheimer, Robert E. Miller, David E. Miller, Francis L. Minnito, Thomas J. Moran, Peggy Morris, David Myers, Joseph Offenbecher, Edward Lee Oller, Bruce E. Parry, James Patnode, Adis Patrick, Joseph P. Phelan, Terry L. Pierson, William A. Polensky, James Popjoy, James Purcell, Raymond Ritcheson, Jr., Robert Ross, David A. Sandeno, Thomas L. Schambach, James Michael Scherer, James L. Schulte, Scherbarth, Charles Scholtens, Kenneth Schussler, Andrew Sherlag, Michael A. Snyder, Donald B. Snyder, Ronald J. Soltis, Craig Summers, David Harry Swanson, Ronald Joseph Szikora, Donald D. Talbot, Anthony Turacek, Charles J. Vladika, William A. Ward. Arthur A. Warner, Thomas Wasmund, Robert A. Welko, John A. Wentz, Sr., James Wiginton, Johnnie Lewis Williams, Leon With-

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF KENNETH A. MILLS

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Friday, October 20, 2023

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to honor the life and selfless service of Kenneth A. Mills, a U.S. Army veteran who bravely served during the Korean War and passed earlier in October.

A beloved member of our Evesham community, many knew Ken as a person that was deeply committed to family, his community,

and our country. After graduating high school, Ken enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he was later stationed in Korea and served there for 3 years. After his honorable discharge in 1955, Ken's service was highly honored, as he earned two Bronze Stars, the Korean War Service Medal, and the United Nations Service Medal.

Beyond his service to our country, Ken went above and beyond in his personal and professional life to care for those around him. While starting a family of his own in Rockwood, Michigan, with his wife, Betty, Ken also started his career as a union representative, before eventually transitioning into a long, accomplished tenure in Human Resources. Eventually stepping up as the Director of Human Resources for Allied Signal, Ken became a strong leader of their department, working on behalf of the people, and traveling across the country before eventually settling in Marlton, New Jersey.

It was in Marlton that Ken became a dedicated member of the St. Joan of Arc parish, our local government, and the town watch. Through his involvement across multiple organizations, he took every opportunity to facilitate projects to make our community a better, safer place. Most recently, he focused his vision on the Evesham Township Veterans Wall of Honor in the Evesham Township Municipal Building. Ken played a vital role in the 'Coffee with a Vet' program as well as the local Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter.

No matter the task—big or small—Ken proved every day that he was a deep believer that it was always possible for each person to create positive change in their community. Even beyond Evesham's borders, he dedicated his time as the President of the Boys & Girls Club of Philadelphia, uplifting kids and young adults across the area. I know Ken will have the lasting memory of being a friendly face around town, often riding his lawn mower through the neighborhood with a warm smile and helping hand for whomever may need

We were lucky to have Ken as a member of our community. He was a beloved husband, father, and neighbor. My heart goes out to his entire family, his friends, and for anyone who knew him and grieving his loss. Though he will be deeply missed, I am sure his legacy will live on for years to come through his positive impacts on all our lives.

RECOGNIZING KATHLEEN O'BRIEN HAM, 20 YEARS WITH T-MOBILE USA

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 20, 2023

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise to recognize Kathleen O'Brien Ham for her forty years of work in wireless telecommunications advocacy, and to congratulate her on her retirement as T-Mobile's Senior Vice President for Government Affairs.

Throughout her nearly 20 years with T-Mobile, Kathleen has been instrumental in leading the company's public policy practice. She was responsible for engaging federal and state governments and agencies to advance a wide range of priorities for T-Mobile, including radio spectrum and consumer safety matters.

Kathleen's fourteen years of prior experience at the Federal Communications Commission equipped her well for the landmark achievements she accomplished during her tenure at T-Mobile. Thanks to her unmatched focus on industry competition and doing more for consumers, T-Mobile became the first telecommunications provider to offer 5G network coverage in all 50 states, expanding wireless access for millions of Americans across the country.

From testifying before Congress to spear-heading T-Mobile's efforts to secure additional spectrum, Kathleen laid the groundwork for the company's growth and innovation in recent years. Under her oversight, T-Mobile closed its merger with Sprint after a successful two-year policy and regulatory campaign, positioning T-Mobile as the country's leading 5G wireless provider and strengthening the company's competitiveness for years to come.

Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I thank Kathleen O'Brien Ham for her career helping T-Mobile thrive and subsequently doing more for American consumers, and I wish her a happy retirement

HONORING THE LANSING BOARD OF WATER AND LIGHT

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Friday, $October\ 20$, 2023

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, today I pay tribute to the hardworking men and women of the Lansing Board of Water and Light, a municipally-owned public utility in Michigan's 7th Congressional District for their efforts to restore service following storms that moved through Michigan on Thursday, August 24 and Friday, August 25, 2023. In a matter of hours, six tornadoes swept across the state, leaving a trail of devastation from west to east. Five people died, dozens of homes and businesses were destroyed, and hundreds of thousands of Michiganders were left in the dark due to power outages.

Under these most pressing circumstances, more than 40 percent of LBWL's customers were affected by the storm, including 612 unique power outage locations, 835 downed wires, 47 broken poles, and 187 transformers knocked offline. In the challenging days that followed the storms, LBWL sent an unprecedented number of crews into the field, calling in mutual aid from across Michigan and around the country. In total, 45 tree crews, 57 line crews, and 162 spotters worked around the clock in difficult conditions, restoring power to 98 percent of customers in a matter of days.

That effort was born of experience. After a similarly devastating ice storm hit the region 10 years ago, LBWL implemented all the recommendations from an independent investigation into the storm response, spending millions on proactive tree-trimming, expanding mutual aid agreements, hardening its communication plan, and revamping the entire corporate structure. This organizational soul-searching has paid off, with vastly improved reliability and response time when it matters most.

The work of LBWL crews, and crews from across the country, was difficult and even dangerous, requiring long hours and high skill to

bring the power back for hundreds of customers. That hard work and dedication deserve recognition here.

CELEBRATING THE EXTRAOR-DINARY LIFE AND LEGACY OF ALVIN BENN, LONGTIME MONT-GOMERY ADVERTISER RE-PORTER

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Friday, October 20, 2023

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and legacy of a talented journalist, truth seeker, and man of great integrity, former Montgomery Advertiser reporter Alvin Stanley Benn, who passed away on October 10, 2023, at the age of 83.

Alvin Benn was born on April 25, 1940, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Upon graduating from Manheim Township High School in 1958, Alvin Benn enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Throughout his six years of service, Alvin Benn traveled the world after being stationed in Cherry Point, North Carolina, and Okinawa, Japan. While stationed in Japan, he pursued his passion for journalism, working for the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service. He continued his education in the United States at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, completing military journalism school.

In 1964, Alvin Benn began what would be a lifechanging career chronicling the history of Alabama. He made his mark on journalism as a minted correspondent for the United Press International, covering the sweeping Civil Rights Movement. Interviewing the leading voices on each side, such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Alabama Governor George C. Wallace, his holistic approach to reporting exposed the true story of the Civil Rights Movement, bringing the reality of the fight for rights and liberties to homes nationwide. For over two years. Alvin Benn led the United Press International's Birmingham Bureau, taking on multiple roles that supported the publication, including bureau chief, writer, editor, photographer, and producer. He contributed to newspapers across the Southeast, including the Decatur Daily in Decatur, Alabama from 1967 through 1974; the Natchez Democrat in Natchez, Mississippi; the Selma Times Journal in Selma, Alabama; and publications in Alexander City, Alabama; and Lafayette, Georgia, before settling in Selma, where he lived for over 40 years.

During his time at the Natchez Democrat, Alvin Benn and the news staff received a nomination for the prestigious Pulitzer Prize. In 1980, he joined the Montgomery Advertiser, where he would spend over 20 years. In his 50-plus-year career, Alvin Benn produced over three to four stories per day before retiring in 2003. Retirement did not curb his desire to continue writing, nor did it decrease his readership. "Al Benn's Alabama" continued to be a widely read column in the Montgomery Advertiser and served as the cherry on top of Alvin Benn's storied contributions to journalism. From interviewing United States presidents to writing a book titled "Reporter: Covering the Civil Rights And Wrongs in Dixie," Alvin Benn is an Alabama gem whose

dedication to "journalistic integrity" continued INTRODUCTION to inspire us all.

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Alvin Benn is the recipient of many awards and recognitions, including the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Alabama Press Association, the Communications Award from the Alabama Farmers Association, and the Distinguished Alabama Community Journalist award from the Auburn University Department of Journalism.

Alvin Benn was a proud member of the Mishkan Israel Congregation in our hometown of Selma, Alabama, and the Temple Beth Or in Montgomery, Alabama.

Alvin Benn is preceded in death by his wife of almost 60 years, Sharon Ann Boumel Benn. He is survived by their two children, Danielle Waters and Eric Benn; four grandchildren, Benjamin Waters, Scott Waters, Alexandria Benn, and Ilan Benn; son-in-law, Curtis Waters and daughter-in-law, Maria Benn; and a host of family and friends.

On a personal note, I grew up right down the street from the Benn family. In fact, his son, Eric, was my siblings' best friend and my third little brother. Everywhere Andrew and Anthony went, Eric went too. They are best friends and truly brothers. The Sewells are blessed to have grown up with the Benns, and we remain good friends and family for a lifetime.

Mr. Benn was an amazing journalist with a special talent for crafting his words into storytelling. He wrote the first article about my scholarship to Princeton University and subsequently, wrote about every major event in my life's journey, from joining the rowing crew at Oxford to getting elected Alabama's First Black Congresswoman. If anything happened in Selma or the Black Belt, Mr. Benn knew about it and reported on it. Spanning a career of decades, Mr. Benn told the history of Alabama's Black Belt—the events, the characters, and all the happenings. What a gift his writings will leave in the annuals of Alabama's history. His legacy will live on through the mini-stories and all the lives that he touched. Rest in peace and power.

On behalf of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the extraordinary life and legacy of Alvin Stanley Benn for his contributions to journalism and decades of exemplary service to the State of Alabama.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PRO-MOTING REDUCTION OF EMIS-SIONS THROUGH LANDSCAPING EQUIPMENT ACT

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Friday, $October\ 20$, 2023

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to introduce the Promoting Reduction of Emissions through Landscaping Equipment Act. This crucial legislation provides businesses with a significant tool as they transition toward a more sustainable and consumer-friendly future.

This essential and forward-thinking piece of legislation provides a 40 percent credit on the purchase of zero-emission equipment, such as mowers, leaf blowers, hedgers, and accessories, up to \$25,000 every year and up to \$100,000 over the course of 10 consecutive years. The tax credit, which applies to any equipment purchased on or after January 1, 2023, also extends to retrofitting equipment that transforms gas-powered devices to zero-emission. These credits cover batteries, generators, retrofitting equipment, and other necessary accessories.

Currently, there are over 300 restrictions on the use of gas-powered lawn equipment across the country, as more localities recognize the need to transition to quieter, less polluting equipment. The bill will assist local businesses as they adapt to local ordinances and consumer demand for better, cleaner, and quieter equipment while reducing their costs over time through lower maintenance expenses and reduced reliance on fossil fuels. Moreover, the bill is compatible with local and state voucher and rebate programs for zero-emission equipment like the programs in my home State of California.

Current gas-powered equipment emits pollutants, including nitrogen oxides (NO_X), carbon dioxide (CO_2), reactive organic gases (ROG), and particulate matter that negatively impact the climate, air quality, ecosystems, and are potentially harmful to human health, especially for the workers who operate the equipment. These appliances generate significant noise pollution that can damage human hearing, disturb wildlife, and interfere with life and work. Replacing gas-powered equipment with zero-emission equipment would improve air quality, reduce noise pollution, and protect operators of the equipment from hearing loss and other potentially negative health effects.

I am also very proud to share that this legislation has garnered widespread support from numerous national, state, and regional organizations, including industry, environmental, and health-focused groups. The National Association of Landscape Professionals, American Lung Association, Environmental Defense Fund, Earthjustice, the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, Sierra Club, American Green Zone Alliance, California Landscape Contractors Association, California Alliance for Golf, California Golf Course Owners Association, Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California, Golf Course Superintendents Association of Southern California, Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, and AmericanHort, California Landscape Contractors Association, California Alliance for Golf, California Golf Course Owners Association, Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California. Golf Course Superintendents Association of Southern California. Colorado Nursery & Greenhouse Association, Florida Nursery, Growers & Landscape Association, Georgia Urban Ag Council, Georgia Green Industry Association, Idaho Nursery and Landscape Association, Illinois Landscape Contractors Association, Kansas Nursery and Landscape Association, Louisiana Nursery and Landscape Association, Maine Landscape and Nursery Association, Maryland Nursery, Landscape, and Greenhouse Association, Massachusetts Nurserv and Landscape Association, Inc., Michigan Green Industry Association, Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association, Montana Nursery & Landscape Association, New Jersey Landscape Contractors Association, New Jersey Nursery & Landscape Association, New York State Nursery and Landscape Association, NorCal Sports Field Management Association, Ohio Green Industry Association, Oregon Association of Nurseries, Pennsylvania Landscape & Nursery Association, Virginia Nursery & Landscape Association. Washington Association of Landscape Professionals, Washington State Nursery & Landscape Association, West Virginia Nursery & Landscape Association, Wisconsin Landscape Contractors Association. These endorsements underscore the importance and benefit of this bill in advancing the transition to sustainable equipment.

This bill isn't just about supporting the growth of our landscaping businesses; it exemplifies our commitment to a smooth, realistic transition towards more sustainable, consumer-friendly, and environmentally-responsible business practices. This legislation is a win for local businesses, the environment, and our health.

I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this crucial initiative.

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Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 12 noon on Monday, October 23, 2023.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 6008–6018; 1 private bill, H.R. 6019; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 801–804, were introduced. **Page H5038**

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H5039-40

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Ryan Coffey, First Baptist Church, Somerset, Kentucky.

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Call of the House: Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XX, Representative Johnson (LA) moved a call of the House. Accordingly, Members were counted and the Chair announced that 427 Members being counted, a quorum was present, Roll No. 524.

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Election of Speaker: The House conducted one vote to elect a Speaker, from which a majority of 218 was not ascertained, therefore a Speaker was not elected. During the vote for Speaker, the Honorable Hakeem Jeffries received 210 votes, the Honorable Jim Jordan received 194 votes, the Honorable Steve Scalise received 8 votes, the Honorable Patrick McHenry received 6 votes, the Honorable Lee Zeldin received 4 votes, the Honorable Kevin McCarthy received 2 votes, the Honorable Byron Donalds received 2 votes, the Honorable Mike Garcia (CA) received 1 vote, the Honorable Tom Emmer received 1 vote, and the Honorable Bruce Westerman received 1 vote, Roll No. 525. On Tuesday, October 17th, the Chair appointed Representatives Steil, Morelle,

Loudermilk, and Sewell to act as Tellers. Additional proceedings are expected next week. Pages H5036–38

Recess: The House recessed at 12:06 p.m. and reconvened at 5:03 p.m. Page H5038

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, October 24th. Page H5038

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yeas-and-nays votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There was one quorum call, Roll No. 524, which appears on pages H5035–36.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: On October 19, 2023, Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 559, declaring it is the policy of the United States that a nuclear Islamic Republic of Iran is not acceptable; H.R. 340, to impose sanctions with respect to foreign support for terrorist organizations, including Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad; H.R. 3266, to require the Secretary of State to submit annual reports reviewing the curriculum used by the Palestinian Authority, and for other purposes; H.R. 3774, to impose additional sanctions with respect to the importation or facilitation of the importation of petroleum products from Iran, and for other purposes; H.R. 5826, to require a report on sanctions under the Robert Levinson Hostage Recovery and Hostage-Taking Accountability Act, and for other

purposes; H.R. 2973, to require the Secretary of Defense to develop, in cooperation with allies and partners in the Middle East, an integrated maritime domain awareness and interdiction capability, and for other purposes; H. Res. 599, urging the European Union to designate Hizballah in its entirety as a terrorist organization; and H.R. 1809, to require the development of strategies and options to prevent the export to Iran of certain technologies related to unmanned aircraft systems, and for other purposes. H. Res. 559, H.R. 3266, and H. Res. 599 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 2973, H.R. 5826, H.R. 340, H.R. 3774, and H.R. 1809 were ordered reported, as amended.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE 12 noon, Monday, October 23 Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Tuesday, October 24

Senate Chamber

House Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.

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